

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

WHEREAS, Former Houston Astro Jeff Bagwell is being inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2017, and this honor provides recognition for an athlete who is one of the best first basemen in history; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 27, 1968, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Bagwell graduated from Xavier High School in Middletown, Connecticut, where he also excelled in soccer and basketball; he chose to pursue baseball at the University of Hartford, and he twice earned recognition as the Eastern College Athletic Conference Player of the Year; he was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the fourth round of the 1989 Major League Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bagwell was a standout player for the AA New Britain Red Sox, finishing first in the league in hits and doubles; the Houston Astros wisely requested Mr. Bagwell in a trade with the Red Sox, initiating one of the most one-sided trades in baseball history; and

WHEREAS, Making the rare leap from AA to the major leagues, Mr. Bagwell was named the 1991 National League Rookie of the Year and was the first Astro to win the award; he was *Baseball America's* Rookie of the Year, the *Sporting News* Rookie of the Year, and he was a post-season All-Star and on the Topps's Rookie All-Star Team; and

WHEREAS, His batting power was renowned and record-breaking; he was the first Houston Astro to win the National League Most Valuable Player Award and only the fourth player to win unanimously; and

WHEREAS, Along with teammates such as Craig Biggio, Lance Berkman, and Derek Bell, he was one of the beloved "Killer Bs"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bagwell battled through injuries to return to the Houston Astros season after season, leading his team by example; he steered them into the playoffs for multiple seasons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bagwell spent his entire career with the Houston Astros; the first baseman holds Astros records of 449 home runs and 1,529 RBIs; in 15 seasons, he had a .408 on-base average, a .540 slugging percentage, and he batted .297; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bagwell remains one of the most consistent players in baseball history; he has amassed multiple records and awards for his contributions to baseball, including *Baseball America's* Lifetime Achievement Award, along with his pal Craig Biggio; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate Jeff Bagwell on his election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and on his many seasons bringing joy to Houston Astros fans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Jeff Bagwell as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate